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NOTIFICATION OF TRANSMITTAL OF  
THE INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT AND  
THE WRITTEN OPINION OF THE INTERNATIONAL  
SEARCHING AUTHORITY, OR THE DECLARATION

(PCI Rule 44.1)

Applicant's or agent's file reference P-2877-AL	Date of mailing (day/month/year) <b>25 AUG 2004</b>
International application No PCT/US04/02862	International filing date (day/month/year) 02 February 2004 (02.02.2004)
Applicant <b>APPLIED MEDICAL RESOURCES CORPORATION</b>	

- 1 ☒ The applicant is hereby notified that the international search report and the written opinion of the International Searching Authority have been established and are transmitted herewith

**Filing of amendments and statement under Article 19:**

The applicant is entitled, if he so wishes, to amend the claims of the international application (see Rule 46):

**When?** The time limit for filing such amendments is normally two months from the date of transmittal of the international search report

**Where?** Directly to the International Bureau of WIPO, 34 chemin des Colombettes  
1211 Geneva 20, Switzerland, Facsimile No.: +41 22 740 14 35

For more detailed instructions, see the notes on the accompanying sheet

- 2 ☐ The applicant is hereby notified that no international search report will be established and that the declaration under Article 17(2)(a) to that effect and the written opinion of the International Searching Authority are transmitted herewith.
- 3 ☐ With regard to the protest against payment of (an) additional fee(s) under Rule 40 2, the applicant is notified that:
- ☐ the protest together with the decision thereon has been transmitted to the International Bureau together with the applicant's request to forward the texts of both the protest and the decision thereon to the designated Offices.
- ☐ no decision has been made yet on the protest; the applicant will be notified as soon as a decision is made

**4 Reminders**

Shortly after the expiration of **18 months** from the priority date, the international application will be published by the International Bureau. If the applicant wishes to avoid or postpone publication, a notice of withdrawal of the international application, or of the priority claim, must reach the International Bureau as provided in Rules 90bis 1 and 90bis 3, respectively, before the completion of the technical preparations for international publication.

The applicant may submit comments on an informal basis on the written opinion of the International Searching Authority to the International Bureau. The International Bureau will send a copy of such comments to all designated Offices unless an international preliminary examination report has been or is to be established. These comments would also be made available to the public but not before the expiration of 30 months from the priority date.

Within **19 months** from the priority date, but only in respect of some designated Offices, a demand for international preliminary examination must be filed if the applicant wishes to postpone the entry into the national phase until **30 months** from the priority date (in some Offices even later); otherwise, the applicant must, within **20 months** from the priority date, perform the prescribed acts for entry into the national phase before those designated Offices.

In respect of other designated Offices, the time limit of **30 months** (or later) will apply even if no demand is filed within 19 months. See the Annex to Form PCT/IB/301 and, for details about the applicable time limits, Office by Office, see the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Volume II National Chapters and the WIPO Internet site.

Name and mailing address of the ISA/ US Mail Stop PCT, Attn: ISA/US Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450 Facsimile No. (703) 305-3230	Authorized officer Gary Jackson <i>Sharon H. [Signature]</i> Telephone No. 703-308-0858
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## PCT

### INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

(PCT Article 18 and Rules 43 and 44)

Applicant's or agent's file reference P-2877-AL.	<b>FOR FURTHER ACTION</b>	see Notification of Transmittal of International Search Report (Form PCT/ISA/220) as well as, where applicable, item 5 below.
International application No PCT/US04/02862	International filing date (day/month/year) 02 February 2004 (02 02 2004)	(Earliest) Priority Date (day/month/year) 18 February 2003 (18.02.2003)
Applicant APPLIED MEDICAL RESOURCES CORPORATION		

This international search report has been prepared by this International Searching Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 18. A copy is being transmitted to the International Bureau.

This international search report consists of a total of 4 sheets



It is also accompanied by a copy of each prior art document cited in this report.

#### 1 Basis of the Report

a With regard to the language, the international search was carried out on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item



the international search was carried out on the basis of a translation of the international application furnished to this Authority (Rule 23.1(b)).

b With regard to any nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosed in the international application, the international search was carried out on the basis of the sequence listing:



contained in the international application in written form



filed together with the international application in computer readable form.



furnished subsequently to this Authority in written form.



furnished subsequently to this Authority in computer readable form



the statement that the subsequently furnished written sequence listing does not go beyond the disclosure in the international application as filed has been furnished



the statement that the information recorded in computer readable form is identical to the written sequence listing has been furnished

2 ☐ Certain claims were found unsearchable (See Box I)

3. ☐ Unity of invention is lacking (See Box II)

4 With regard to the title,



the text is approved as submitted by the applicant



the text has been established by this Authority to read as follows:

5 With regard to the abstract,



the text is approved as submitted by the applicant.



the text has been established according to Rule 38.2(b), by this Authority as it appears in Box III. The applicant may, within one month from the date of mailing of this international search report, submit comments to this Authority

6 The figure of the drawings to be published with the abstract is Figure No. 1



as suggested by the applicant.



None of the figures



because the applicant failed to suggest a figure



because this figure better characterizes the invention

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# INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

International application No  
PCT/US04/02862

## Box III TEXT OF THE ABSTRACT (Continuation of Item 5 of the first sheet)

The technical features mentioned in the abstract do not include a reference sign between parentheses (PCT Rule 8 1(d)).

The abstract is too long (PCT Rule 8.1(b)). The abstract must be less than 150 words, or 200 words when no figure is to be published.

### NEW ABSTRACT

An improved clip or clamp (100) is provided having a one-piece wire-form construction that is suited for rapid and repeatable manufacture. The clamp, which may be disposable or reusable, includes a first jaw portion (102), a second jaw portion (104), a first handle portion (108), a second handle portion (110) and a central coil or tensioning device (106), all of which are formed from a single piece of wire. The central coil or tensioning device comprises one or more turns. The handle portions may include ring-shaped distal ends (108a, 110a) that further enhance grip. The jaw portions may be shaped, curved, bent or otherwise configured to provide access to specific areas of a procedure. The clamp may be coated with a material providing improved traction and padding.

# INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

International application No

PCT/US04/02862

## A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

IPC(7) : A61B 17/08  
US CL : 606/158, 157

According to International Patent Classification (IPC) or to both national classification and IPC

## B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)  
U.S. : 606/158, 157

Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practicable, search terms used)  
Please See Continuation Sheet

## C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category *	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
X --- Y	US 4,444,187 A (PERLIN) 24 April 1984 (24 04 1984), See column 1, line 31 - column 2 line 55	1-11, 13, 18-19, 26-31, 37, 40-42 ----- 14-17, 20-25, 32-36, 39
X	US 4,765,335 A (SCHMIDT et al) 23 August 1988 (23 08 1988), See abstract of the disclosure	1-11

☐ Further documents are listed in the continuation of Box C.

☐ See patent family annex.

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* "A" document defining the general state of the art which is not considered to be of particular relevance	"T" later document published after the international filing date or priority date and not in conflict with the application but cited to understand the principle or theory underlying the invention
* "E" earlier application or patent published on or after the international filing date	"X" document of particular relevance; the claimed invention cannot be considered novel or cannot be considered to involve an inventive step when the document is taken alone
* "L" document which may throw doubts on priority claim(s) or which is cited to establish the publication date of another citation or other special reason (as specified)	"Y" document of particular relevance; the claimed invention cannot be considered to involve an inventive step when the document is combined with one or more other such documents such combination being obvious to a person skilled in the art
* "O" document referring to an oral disclosure, use, exhibition or other means	"&" document member of the same patent family
* "P" document published prior to the international filing date but later than the priority date claimed	

Date of the actual completion of the international search

15 July 2004 (15.07.2004)

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Continuation of B. FIELDS SEARCHED Item 3:  
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